THE TRUE

NARRATIVE

OF THE

PROCEDINGS

AT

The Seſſions-Houſe

IN THE

OLD-BAYLY.

OR THE

TRIAL

AND

CONDEMNATION

of ſix notorious

Popiſh Prieſts & Jeſuites,

FOR

High-Treaſon,

Viz. William Ruſſel, alias *Napper*, *James Corker*, *Lionel Anderſon*, alias. *Munſon*, *Charles Parry*, *and Alexander Lunſden*, At a Commiſſion of *Oyer* and *Terminer* there held, on *Saturday* the 17th of this inſtant *January* 1679.

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THE

Trial and Condemnation

Of the six notorious Traitors.

THe Kings Witnesses attending on the Court there were eight Romish Priests and Jesuites brought to the Barr, to receive their Trials upon the account of High-Treason, *viz. Joseph Kemish*, *William Russel*, alias, *Napper*, *Henry Starkie*, *William Marshal*, *James Corker*, *Lionel Anderson*, alias, *Munson*, *Charles Parry*, and *Alexander Lunsden*; but the evidence not being prepared for the Trial of the former, *viz. Kemish*, he was reserved till another time; but against the other seven they proceeded as followeth, according to their Indictments, that they being Priests and *English*-born, after having received orders from the See of *Rome*, came over and remained in *England*, the which by a Statute of the 27th of Queen *Elizabeth* is made high Treason, Mr. Attorny-General and the Kings Council laid open the Cause to the Jury and Evidence, and the Jury being charg'd with them, according to Law, *Lionel Anderson* was first brought to the Barr, where Dr. *Oats*, Mr. *Bedlo*, Mr. *Dangerfield*, Mr. *Prance*, and Mr. *Dugdale* were sworn for the King, Mr. *Dangerfield* first standing up, did give a fair and large account, that the Prisoner was a Priest in orders.

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And that he had not only confeſſed him, but had given him the Sacrament, and in his Prieſtly Veſtments celebrated Maſs; not only at *Wild-houſe*, but alſo at ſeveral other places, and that after he had confeſſed the Witneſs, he bid him go and be drunk with ſuch a Gentleman, for it was for the good and propagation of the Romiſh Cauſe, that he was a Prieſt likewiſe Dr. *Oates* did affirm, and that he had at ſeveral times repeated Maſs and given the Sacrament to his knowledge, with many other plain and poſſitive circumſtances, to this he Pleaded not guilty, with many horrible Execrations.

Afterwards *James Corker* was brought to the Bar, his Plea was that he had been once tryed with Sr. *George Wakeman*, and that he ought not twice to be put in danger of his Life: but the Court ſatisfied him in this point, whereas he before was tryed as a Conſpirator, that he now was tryed as a Popiſh-prieſt, and then he pleaded not guilty, at which Mr. Attorny General laying open the Indictment, the Evidence were ſworn, *viz.* Dr. *Oates* and Mr. *Prance* who likewiſe did againſt him as againſt the former, affirm that they had ſeen him Celebrate Maſs, give the Sacrament, and in his prieſtly Robes at *Somerſet-Houſe*, and other places, and was to have been a Biſhop: but he abſolutely denied that ever he had acquaintance with the Witneſſes, or ſcarcely ſeen them before his laſt Arraignment, and in a Jeſuitical obſtenancy, made many vows and execrations endeavouring to ſcandalize the Evidence

The next was *William Marſhal* who was likewiſe tryed before with *Corker*, and did plead the ſame, and made a long oration in his own defence, courting the Acts of Parliaments and Statutes made and to be put in force on that account, and did, to ſpeak the truth, ſeem to be a learned and moſt proficient man, his place of executing of his Prieſtly Function, was for the moſt part in the *Savoy*, where Doctor *Oates* affirmed that he had heard him more then twelve times ſay Maſs in 1677. this he denied, and brought the woman that keept the houſe to teſtify that Dr. *Oates* was never there, but ſhe, bogling in her Teſtimony did confound her Evidence, ſaying that he might be there, but that ſhe knew not ſhe had ſeen him there, Mr. *Prance* and Mr. *Bedlo* did affirm him likewiſe to have taken orders, and that they had known him to have been a Plotter, and a moſt notorious Prieſt,

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As likewiſe upon the ſame Indictment and Statute of the 27th of Queen *Elizabeth* which makes it High-Treaſon for any Engliſh born Subjects to go and take Orders at *Rome*, and after come over into *England*, whereupon *William* Ruſſel alias *Nipper*, *Henry Starky*, *Charles Parry*, and *Alexander Lunſdel* were brought to the Barr, who pleaded not Guilty, but the aforementioned Evidence for the King, did ſo plainly make it appear, that they were not only Prieſts, but had at ſeveral times adminiſtred according to their Prieſtly Function, the Sacraments, and alſo confeſſed and abſolved ſome of them, and that Mr. *France* had received *Chalices*, *Oyl-pots*, and ſeveral other Trinkets belonging to the *Alter*, of them to mend, ſcour, and refine; upon this plain Evidence, ſix of them were by the Jury brought in Guilty of High-Treaſon, and ſentenced by the Court to be drawn, hang'd and Quarter'd, *viz.* Ruſſel, alias, *Nipper*, *Starky*, *Marſhal*, *Corker*, *Anderſon*, and *Parry*, but *Lunſaen* being a Scotchman-born, was not thought to come within the Verge of the ſaid Act of Parliament, and therefore reſerved for a ſpecial Verdict in that Caſe.

Thus may we ſee, tho haughty *Rome* does bend her Frowns at this out Engliſh Nation, nay and prompt our Native Subjects to conſpire our Downfall and immediate Ruine. Heaven ſtands moſt firmly on our ſide, and that pernicious Snare that they had laid to catch the Innocent, themſelves have fallen in; for ſure it is, Eternal Vengeance will not ſleep for ever, when ſuch dire Contrivances hatched in the dark Shades of Night aſcend and pierce the Bluſhing Clouds, therefore let both Tirant *Rome*, and her thrice faral Emiſſaries now beware, leaſt they incur the high diſpleaſure of a dreadful God, and pull down moſt deſerved Ruine on their Heads, whilſt that they think to dare Omnipotence, by their endeavouring to deſtroy ſueh as are protected by his Providence:

FINIS.